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Dear Ms. Doll:

The California Municipal Utilities Association would like to offer some general comments on your "Clean Growth: Clean Energy for California's Economic Future" draft report. We have not had time to receive detailed comments back from our members on the specifics of the report but I would offer a couple of comments for your consideration.

In general the report fails to identify a revenue stream necessary to finance the various proposals made in the report. California's publicly owned utilities have remained vertically integrated and have either built or contracted for sufficient resources to meet the needs of their particular service territories. They have designed conservation programs that work for their particular circumstances and resource mixes that meet their needs. Many have large percentages of hydro resources and other renewables such as wind, geothermal, and solar. Having paid a premium for the failure of restructuring in California they are not interested in paying once again for programs designed to correct the mistakes made either by or on behalf of the state's investor owned utilities. If it is the intent of the Authority to provide services only through willing bilateral contracts, it would be helpful to clarify the report in that regard.

We believe that fundamental market reforms are necessary. While we appreciate the support of the Authority for load serving entities to acquire operating reserves (page 22 of the report) we are somewhat confused by the proposal for the Authority to acquire additional reserves necessary to provide a competitive market. How would those reserves be funded? Our position is that load serving entities should be required to maintain whatever reserves are necessary to maintain reliability. The ISO should not be allowed to use those resources for market making activities and in fact the ISO should not be involved in market making activities. Adequate reserves should be required by market rule. Load serving entities could contact with the Authority to fulfill their reserve

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requirements. In such a system there should not be a need for additional reserves to create a competitive market.

I would be happy to discuss our position with you at your convenience and to get a better understanding of how the Authority views its role in this market. We believe the Legislature needs to focus on market design before many of these other questions can adequately be resolved.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jordan, Executive Director

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